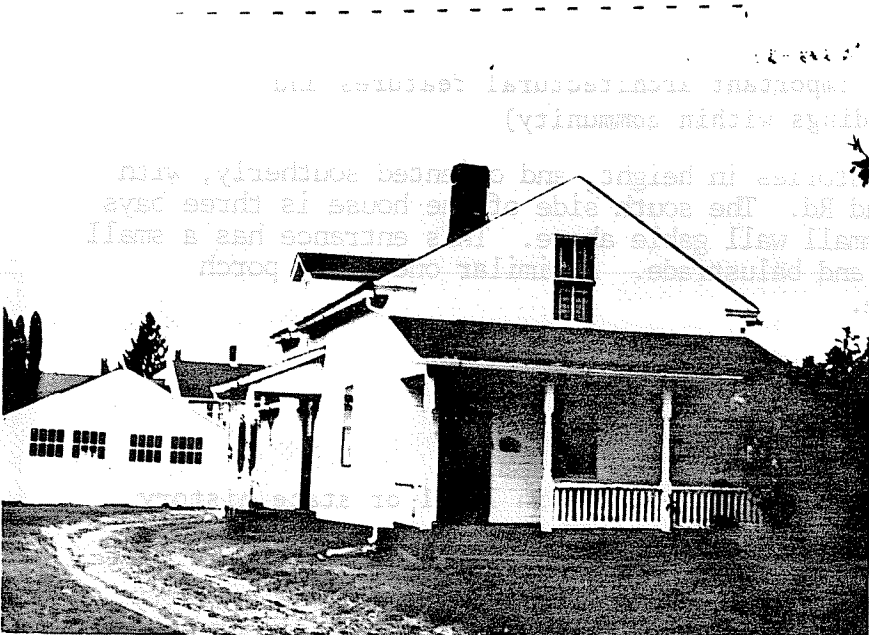


FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no. 46-41
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

152 Island Rd.

Name _____

Original residence _____

Present residence _____

Use: Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner _____

Construction: _____

cross streets and other buildings Date c. 1860

or geographical features. Source Maps and visual evidence

Indicate north. Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric asbestos shakes

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

sided- mid 20th c.

Moved _____ Date _____

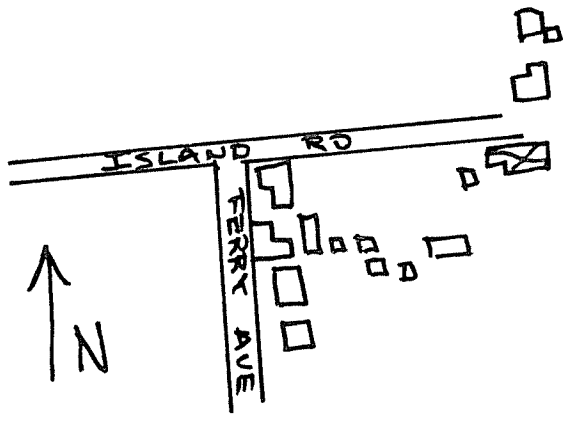
Approx. acreage over one acre- (1.5)

Setting _____

Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date June 1980



ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The cottage is 1 1/2 stories in height, and oriented southerly, with its back to the newer path of Island Rd. The south side of the house is three bays wide with central entrance, and a small wall gable above. This entrance has a small porch with shed roof, turned posts and balustrade. A similar one-story porch covers the eastern end of the house.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

This small cottage first appears on the 1860 map as the property of George L. Wright. Mr. Wright was a farmer and owned a fair amount of acreage on what was then known as Hockanum Island. Originally this area had been part of Hadley, but in 1840 flood waters of the Connecticut River cut through the slender neck of the Ox Bow and made this an island on the western side of the river. Through a silting process and the construction of earthworks for the Connecticut River Railroad this island became connected to Northampton at its northeasterly end. The 1860 map shows two houses within the Ox Bow, both owned by farmers taking advantage of the rich soil.

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